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William von Raab, 40, has been a leader in the Reagan administration's war on drugs since becoming Customs Service Commissioner less than two years ago. A former Washington lawyer, he has also held positions with the Energy Administration, the Commerce Department, and the Cost of Living Council pay board. He was interviewed by USA TODAY's Sam Meddis.



William von Raab

Acceptance by society hampers enforcement

USA TODAY: What new assistance will the CIA be giving to the Customs Service?

VON RAAB: The entire intelligence community occasionally provides us with assistance with respect to known traffickers, traffic patterns, vehicles, aircraft, boats, or organizations. Any intelligence community comes across information that may not be of value to it but would be of value to the Customs Service. That is the kind of information that they would give to us. The emphasis is new. They will be more sensitive to our needs.
